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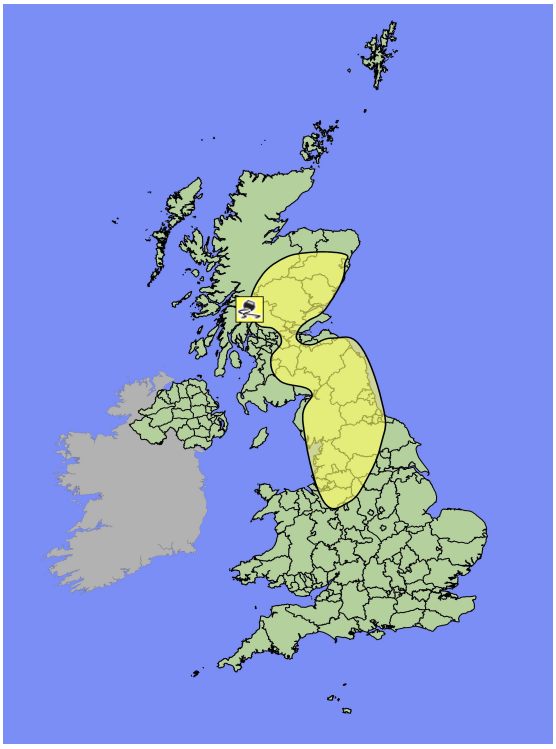

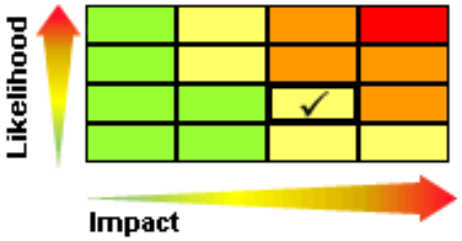

Chief Forecasters Assessment
This is a finely balanced situation, where the key uncertainties concern how heavy the rain will be and how quickly road temperatures will recover from recent low levels to be above zero. If the rain sets in promptly and roads are still very cold, widespread ice will form, but if the rain remained very light until road temperatures rose above zero problems would be minimal.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Ice**

Valid from **00:00 on Thu, 09th Feb 2012** until **18:00 on Thu, 09th Feb 2012**

An area of rain will move southeastwards from Scotland into England early on Thursday. In places this will fall onto very cold surfaces, such as roads, and will freeze instantly, forming a layer of ice. The public should be aware that this will make pavements very dangerous locally, and driving conditions could become extremely hazardous, particularly where roads are untreated. There is however a lot of uncertainty regarding how severe this event will be. The warning level may be upgraded to amber in some locations in due course.

By dawn on Thursday slightly less cold air should have reached most of Scotland, allowing any ice to melt here. After dawn this less cold air will slowly move further south, into some parts of northern England, alleviating any icy conditions here too.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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  - Hartlepool
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